

Statement-I

Details of New Telephone Exchanges set up in Mumbai up to February, 1997 during the Year 1996-97

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Capacity in Lines
1.	Mankhurd RSU	7000
2.	Byculla - I	5000
3.	Sakinaka RLU	2000
4.	G'Dham RSU	2750
5.	Mandvi - II	11500
6.	Gamdevi - III	1000
7.	Fountain RSU	5750
8.	Goregaon	1250
9.	Wadala - III	7000
10.	Bandra	1250

Statement - II

Details of New Telephone Exchanges likely to be set up in Mumbai during March 1997

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Capacity in lines
1	2	3
1.	Gamdevi - II	7000
2.	Bandra - III	5000
3.	Khar RSU	2000
4.	Goregaon - II	8000
5.	Malad - II	11750
6.	Borivli-RSU	4250
7.	Bhayandar (E) RSU	5500
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	Bhayandar (W) RSU	
8.	Samatanagar RSU	3000
9.	Mira Road RSU	3000
10.	Charkop	10000
11.	Godrej RSU	1000
12.	Chembur RSU	13000
13.	Nityanandnagar RSU	5000
14.	Mankhurd - III	2000

1	2	3
15.	Rabale RSU	1000
16.	Sheva RSU	3000
17.	Mumbra RSU	3000
18.	Waghle Estate RSU	4000
19.	Panchpakhadi RSU	6000
20.	Vashi Sector - 7 RSU	5000
21.	Nerul RSU	4000

Introduction of Shatabdi Type Express Train between Jalpaiguri and Howrah

1992. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a Shatabdi type train from New Jalpaiguri to Howrah and back;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be made operative;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The feasibility of running a Shatabdi type train between Howrah and New Jalpaiguri has been examined but not found feasible due to resource and operational constraints including line capacity constraints on the section and maintenance constraints at Howrah.

Allotment of Private Stalls at Howrah Railway Station

1993. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of private stalls allotted at Howrah Railway Station during the last three years;

(b) the details of those stalls and space provided to them separately;

(c) the earnings of the Railways from each of those stalls, year-wise; and

(d) the earnings of Railways from vending stalls as compared to private stalls during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No stall has been allotted at Howrah Railway Station.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Sales turnover of the departmental units and licence realised from private licencees at Howrah is as under:

Year	Licence Fee (Rs. in thousands)	Sales Turnover (Rs. in Crores)
1993-94	42.6	1.59
1994-95	42.6	1.75
1995-96	42.6	3.62

Return Reservation Facilities

1994. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to link up Agartala with Delhi, Mumbai, Madras and Secunderabad so as to ensure return reservation facilities for the people there;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Bookings for onward and return journey reservations can be made from Agartala for all trains originating from the stations linked to the reservation system at Calcutta.

The facility of onward and return journey reservations from the stations linked to the other four reservation systems can become available at all reservation offices, including Agartala only when networking of the five reservation systems is established. For this purpose networking software is in the development and testing phase.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in Number of Coaches

1995. SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since taken any decision to increase the number of coaches with the passenger trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Rampurihat, Barharwa, Danapur, Salar passenger trains are running with less number of coaches;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of coaches with these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) In-

creasing number of coaches in Passenger trains keeping in view the traffic, hauling capacity of locomotive, availability of coaches and other facilities is a continuous process.

(c) and (d) Some Passenger trains on these sections are running underload due to paucity of 2nd class coaches.

(e) Action is being taken to increase the number of coaches on these trains gradually with the improvement in availability of 2nd class coaches.

Restaurants Working under Hotel Janpath and Hotel Samrat

1996. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Restaurants presently working under the Hotel Janpath and Hotel Samrat, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the management is constantly trying to close down and to destroy the costliers glass works and furniture for enabling private contractors to run the business;

(c) whether such an effort is damaging the reputation of the ITDC;

(d) whether any enquiry has been ordered to fix up accountability of the Officers who have been failing to run the restaurants merely for lapses;

(e) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) The details of restaurants operating in Hotels Janpath and Samrat are given hereunder:

Hotel Janpath

1. Gulnar - Indian Cuisine
 2. Orbit - Buffet serving Indian, Continental and Chinese food
 3. Mandarin Room - Chinese
 4. The Coffee Shop
 5. Food Plaza* - Fast food multi-cuisine restaurant
- *Being operated by private party on lease basis.

Hotel Samrat

1. Gardenia - 24 hour Coffee Shop
2. Baradari - Indian Cuisine

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Change in cuisines, interiors and leasing out restaurant activity to private party is considered based on the demand and in the business interests of the Corporation. Leasing out speciality restaurants on selected basis generates ensured income and also attracts guests who prefer that speciality cuisine.